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Dear Dr. Henney,

Would you at the FDA please be so kind as to approve claims filed for saw palmetto and the symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia; psyllium husk seeds and the risk of heart disease; folic acid, vitamin B6 and B12 and cardiovascular disease; and vitamin E and the risk of cardiovascular disease. In the past, your unwillingness to approve and outright try and make illegal many forms of alternative prevention and cures of many human diseases has actually cost many thousands of lives in this country whereas many of the drugs you approved, like fen fen have killed people. You must be more open minded to alternative therapies and stop your extreme love affair with the drug companies. Yes, many drugs are great, but many have side effects that can kill, such as fen fen. There may come a day, Dr. Henney, when you may have a condition that conventional medicine and drugs may not be able to cure, but some vitamin and/or mineral, and/or herb may actually cure you. Had some alternative therapies not been available, it could cost YOU your life – you never know.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Blugrind

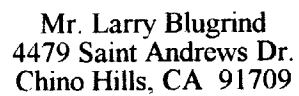
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